

## **BOOK REVIEWS FROM DUKE WELTER**

# **Woolly Buggers Don't Count: Trout Fishing Adventures in the Driftless Area, by Bob Luck**

This book of little essays entertainingly covers a wide range of fishing and related topics, set right here in the Driftless Area. Bob Luck is the former president of the Twin Cities Chapter and now he just has unlimited time to fish, especially his home waters: the Kinnickinnic and Rush rivers.

The book's topics range from the aesthetics of these spots to the food found near fishing rivers, fishing techniques including his learning curve on nymphing, and his arcane attraction to Tenkara. He explores a fair bit of water, but doesn't name it other than the signature streams. With self-deprecating humor, it's obvious that he doesn't take it all too seriously, either.

Bob spent much of his business career working in Japan, returning to the Twin Cities six years ago when he retired. He and his wife Sahja now spend the winter months in northern Japan where they ski and appreciate the Hokkaido mountains. When they return, he comes back to the trout season and hits it pretty hard.

Some of his essays dive deep into a topic, such as one on tricos, which he calls "Mystery Mayflies" for good reason. There's lots of conventional wisdom about what some call "the little white curse," but Bob shows us that these bugs vary a great deal in their emergence, and trout behavior toward them varies from day to day.

I'll let you explore the rest of the essays in his book. They are typically short, often quite funny and always interesting.

We've needed a good essayist and humorist to write about this neck of the woods. This fun little book suggests we may have found one.

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